

Proclamation

Hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues through November 30. A hurricane is one of the most dramatic, damaging, and potentially deadly weather events in Hawai'i which can bring destructive winds, tornados, torrential rains, floods, ocean water storm surge, and high surf conditions. The impact of a hurricane can be felt for months and years after the storm passes leaving the destruction of homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure in its wake. Ultimately, hurricanes cause injury and can claim the lives of Hawai'i's citizens.

Over the years, hurricanes have cost the State of Hawai'i more money than any other natural disaster. Since 1959, 53 hurricanes and 83 tropical storms have occurred in the Central Pacific. Three hurricanes, Dot in 1959, Iwa in 1982, and Iniki in 1992, caused numerous deaths and brought devastation to our islands and caused long-term social and economic impacts.

Many residents and businesses remain unfamiliar with the hazards posed by hurricanes and tropical storms and are not aware of the specific actions they can take in advance to save lives, protect property, and minimize the interruption of their business.

Our citizens can greatly improve their ability to survive and recover from the impact of a hurricane by developing a family emergency plan that includes securing their home with hurricane clips and other protective devices, learning evacuation routes and shelter locations, and assembling a three to five day disaster emergency kit comprised of:

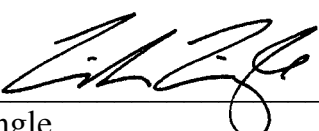
- 1) Flashlight with batteries
- 2) Battery operated radio
- 3) Canned food
- 4) Bottled water
- 5) Non-perishable food
- 6) Pet food
- 7) Manual can opener
- 8) Medicine

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA Jr., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 21 through 27, 2006, as

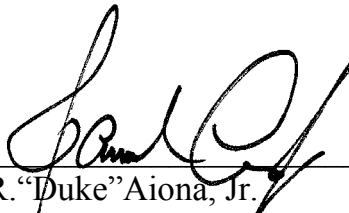
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in Hawai'i, and encourage our citizens to use this week to assemble this list of items and store them in a secure location.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of May 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i